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ATTORNEY GENERAL MCGRAW AWARDS FUNDING TO THE HUNTINGTON SALVATION ARMY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB FROM THE PHARMA, INC. SETTLEMENT FUNDS

Attorney General Darrell McGraw today announced the distribution of \$10,000 to the John W. Hereford Boys & Girls Club of Huntington to fund its children's programs aimed at drug prevention. This money comes from the latest installment in the \$10,000,000 settlement with Purdue Pharma, Inc. over the addictive qualities of the drug Oxycontin. A total of \$90,000 in funding will be presented to Boys & Girls Clubs across the state.

The funding will be used for the John W. Hereford Boys & Girls Club's Teens Against Tobacco program conducted in conjunction with the Huntington Housing Authority. This program is in keeping with the terms of the settlement agreement with Purdue Pharma, Inc. which directs that the funds be distributed to drug education and intervention programs and also to law enforcement programs aimed at drug abuse education and prevention. The mission of the Boys & Girls Club is to offer guidance and support to children whose support system may need supplemented by mentors and additional adult influences. The use of this funding to educate and divert children away from the use of harmful substances such as tobacco is further in keeping with the Boys & Girls Clubs' long held mission to instill children with life skills that will help them avoid the pitfalls of poor judgment.

"It is an honor for my office to see the fruits of our labor go back to the citizens we serve by putting this funding into programs such as the Boys & Girls Club and therefore the community. We all have a contribution to make to civilization, and I know that we are all committed to that in our efforts."

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